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SUBJECT.

Permitting the Revenue Commr to take
his conveyance by rail during famine
& empowering him to sanction the carriage
of the conveyances of Officers on famine duty

PREVIOUS REFERENCES.

LATER REFERENCES.

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FILE HEADING.

Privileges and powers to the Revenue Com^r
regarding the carriage conveyances by
rail during famine times

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BRIEF ABSTRACT OF LETTER.

3. I may also request the Government on this occasion to waive in my case () the period, the restrictions of the Travelling Allowance Code regarding the conveyance by rail of my carriages and horses and to empower me with powers to sanction the conveyance of carriages and horses of officers working in the Famine Department or engaged on the famine work. Considering the nature of the season and the stress of my work I would leave it to the Dewan to consider whether I may not be allowed to draw travelling allowances on the scale fixed for Councillors.

Exhadt.

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The Revenue Comm., who was asked to specify the directions in which he wanted relief in order to enable him to devote greater time and attention to famine work, has, in the course of his reply, ~~asked~~ ^{incidentally} for certain concessions in the matter of travelling allowances for himself & also for officers engaged in famine work. ~~Vide~~ ^{Vide} ~~catnet~~ ^{catnet} from Mr Ranganarain Venkai letter put up. The Dewan desires to have the Financial Secretary's opinion in the matter.

To Finl Secy

29.12.08

In a famine, the percentage of the cost of establishment and allowances to the total cost should be kept as low as possible and ~~as~~ anything which has the least semblance of extravagance especially as regards the more highly paid officers, should be avoided. The moral effect on the subordinate staff and on the people, of high officers enjoying more privileges and travelling more luxuriously in famine times than in ordinary seasons is a very disastrous one. And in this view I cannot see the propriety of allowing the Councillors' &c

* The original D.O. is under submission to H.H. with Council Resolution.

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of travelling allowance to the Rev. Commr.

The Revenue Commissioner may be empowered to sanction the conveyance of one horse only (and no carriages) of officers engaged on famine work, by rail. Ordinarily only hardy men who can ride long distances at a stretch should be selected for famine inspection duty. In rare cases when carriages or more than one horse ~~is~~ to be conveyed the sanction of Govt. should be required; but the Rev. Commr. should be empowered to accord provisional sanction in urgent cases subject to the confirmation of Govt.

As regards the Rev. Commr. himself a Govt. motor car ^X may if possible be placed at his disposal which he should be allowed to convey by rail whenever ^{considered} necessary ^{for purposes of famine inspections.} He may be allowed also to convey one horse by rail when necessary ^{on famine work} for visiting places which cannot be reached by motor cars, without special sanction of Govt. These concessions seem necessary in the interests of efficiency & I know as a matter of fact that in some severe famine Divisional Commissioners in British India were given motor cars for inspection work.

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May I have the benefit of
the Council's opinion

2/1/1909

~~Resolved~~ to the Council

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I fully endorse the view
of the Financial Secy
contained in para 1
his note above.

The concessions recom-
mended in paras 2 &
of the note are reason-
able and may be allowed.
It is necessary to guard
against the laxity in
regard to carriage of C
rags & horses by railwa

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which has only been
recently brought under
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ment of the rule in
MS Regulations

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Submitted to His Highness.

The Revenue Commissioner, who was asked to specify the directions in which he wanted relief in order to enable him to devote greater time and attention to famine work, has, in the course of his reply incidentally asked for the following concessions:-

(1) That the restrictions of the Travelling Allowance Code regarding the conveyance by rail of his carriages and horses may be waived during the famine period,

(2) that he may be empowered to sanction the conveyance of carriages and horses of officers working in the Famine Department or engaged on famine work, and

(3) that he may be allowed to draw travelling allowances on the scale fixed for Councillors.

The Financial Secretary, for reasons given in his note dated 30th December 1908 says that he cannot advise Government to allow the Councillors' scale of travelling allowance to the Revenue Commissioner, but recommends that the Revenue Commissioner may be empowered to sanction the conveyance of one horse on (and no carriages) of officers employed on famine work by rail, that in rare cases when carriages and more than one horse have to be conveyed, the Revenue Commissioner should be empowered to accord provisional sanction subject to the confirmation of Government and that as regards the Revenue Commissioner himself, a Government motor car may be placed at his disposal and he may also be allowed to convey one horse by rail,

I offered to place a Government motor at the disposal of the Revenue Commissioner, but Rangaswamiengar said that he would rather not have one. I am of opinion that the first two requests of the Revenue Commissioner may be sanctioned, viz. that he may be allowed to take by rail the conveyances according to the scale laid down for him in Article 540 of the Mysore Service Regulations during his famine tours, without the restrictions imposed by Note 2 to the article, and that he may also be empowered to sanction the carriage by railway of the conveyances of officers on famine duty, according to the scale laid down in Article 540.

I agree with the Financial Secretary and the Second Councillor in the opinion that it is not necessary to give the Revenue Commissioner travelling allowances according to the rates for Councillors.

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of His Highness the Maharaja

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request of the Revenue Commissioner to waive during the famine period the restrictions of the Travelling allowance code in regard to the conveyance of his carriages and horses by rail, to empower him to sanction the conveyance of carriages and horses of officers employed on famine duty and to allow him the travelling allowances on the scale fixed for Council Order.

Approved

KRM

11/1/09

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Assn
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H H's order subd. for
perusal with draft
for approval.

Int'l Secy

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seen

The orders passed will be noted in the
Financial Deptⁿ and will be given effect
to till they are revised. I venture however
to state one or two points for further consi-
deration.

The Revenue Commissioner has been
allowed to take by rail conveyances, according
to the scale laid down for him in Act 540
M. S. R. That scale is one carriage
and four horses. I proposed one foot-
motor car and one horse. I venture
to submit that my proposal was more
economical and at the same time afforded
greater facility for travelling. The Revenue
Commr, having the whole Province for his
jurisdiction would often require to travel
fast in connection with his famine duties
and a motor car would certainly appear to
be more suitable than carriages drawn by

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horses.

The papers show that the Revenue Commr. "would rather not have a motor car". The reason why he would not have is not stated. Nor is it clear to me why the Govt. in this case adopted a course which by giving less travelling facilities to the Revenue Commr. is more expensive to Govt.

The principle universally accepted in regulating travelling allowance is that where means of locomotion are supplied at Govt. expense, full travelling allowance is to be drawn. (Art 538 M. S. R.). Now where an officer travels by conveyances carried by rail at Govt. expense, the means of locomotion must be held to be supplied partly at Govt. cost. It is for this reason that the draw of full travelling allowance & in addition, cost of carrying conveyances by rail is treated as a special concession for special circumstances in 540 M. S. R. To allow full travelling allowance and the cost of carrying conveyances as a regular allowance is therefore to go against one of the fundamental principles underlying the t. & r. rule. I therefore respectfully submit the case for further consideration as a matter

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appear necessary as regards the case of the Revenue Commr himself.

As regards the delegation of sanctioning power in respect of other officers to the Rev. Commr, what is really important is not the authority which sanctions but the principles which are observed in sanctioning. If the delegation means that the Revenue Commr may sanction irrespective of the conditions of Note 2 Art 540 M.S.R., then the order practically amounts to allowing in respect of famine journeys full travelling allowance plus cost of carrying conveyances according to the scale laid down in Art. 540 M.S.R. The rules regarding ~~the carrying~~ carrying conveyances at Govt expense contained in Art 540 M.S.R. were not hitherto correctly understood in this Province and the audit Dept^{ts} succeeded in checking the abuse of the rule only lately with great effort. (Vide 2nd Commr's note above). It is a matter for consideration, whether delegation of the powers in question by Govt to a subordinate authority without any instructions as regards circumstances in which sanction should be accorded, may not lead to laxity. I would therefore respectfully advise Govt.

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to revise the orders already passed, on the
lines of my note of 30th December last
which was fully concurred in by the
Second Comptroller (who is in charge of Travelling
Allowance.) :

Deewan (to Second Comptroller)

anyway change
were in the meantime.
As the orders passed have
the effect of
full revision, I seem
necessary to communicate
them to the Comptroller
the Comptroller
22-1-09
Ys M
24/1/09

Done
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23-1-09

Read off to
write on
30 Dec 09
Asst
SFC

Dear Submitt
Deewan (to Second
Comptroller)
12-2-09

[G.O. no 71324-5 - SOA 26-08-1 of 25.1.09
to the Comptroller & the Deewan, sanctioning the
privileges & powers ordered in H.H. note of 11.1.09.]

Resubmitted as directed above.

Asst
24/1/09
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The cost of conveyance of
the Carriage & horses being
borne by Govt. it is a question
whether full travelling allow-
should be granted.
I am in agreement with
the Financial Secretary
in his proposition of the
principles underlying
the rules governing this
case

Deewan

24/1/09
57/2/09
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Submitted to His Highness

In his order dated 11th January 1909, His Highness was pleased to approve of my proposal to sanction the Revenue Commissioner's requests that, during the continuance of the present seasonal conditions, he should be allowed to take by rail the conveyances according to the scale laid down for him in Article 540 of the Mysore Service Regulations without the restrictions imposed by Note 2 to the Article, and that he might also be empowered to station the carriage by railway of the conveyances of officers on famine duty, according to the scale laid down in Article 540.

With his note of the 20th January the Financial Secretary has re-submitted the case for further consideration. For the reasons explained in his note the Financial Secretary proposes that the orders already passed should be revised on the lines of his note of the 30th December last.

The Second Councillor says that he is in agreement with the Financial Secretary in his explanation of the principles underlying the rules governing the case.

I submit the matter for His Highness's order.

W. S. S. S.

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Financial Secretary's note proposes
that the orders already passed perm
itting the Revenue Commissioner to ta
ke his conveyance by rail and empoweri
ng him to sanction the carriage of the
conveyances of officers on famine d
be revised.

Order

The existing orders may stand pending
the continuance of famine conditions

~~KRM~~
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To the Comptroller

Rev. Com.

no. R 3224-5 of 15.1.09

Permits the Revenue Com^r to take
by rail at Govt expense, during his fami-
nary, the conveyances admissible to him
under art. 540 R.S.D., without the restrict-
ions imposed by note 2 to that article. Also
empowers him to sanction the carriage
by railway at Govt cost of the conveyance
of officers engaged on famine duty, accord-
ing to the scale laid down in art. 540.

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Date of issue 25 June 1909Signed by M. M. Krishnak

ORDER THEREON.—No.

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With a view to
affording relief to the Revenue
Commissioner in order to enable
the Rev Comm
him to devote greater time and
attention to famine work, the
Govt of H. H. the Maharaja are
pleased to permit him to take
over

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at cost of house

by rail, during his famine
tours, the conveyances admissible
to him according to the scale
laid down in article 540 R.S.D.,
without the restrictions imposed
by note 2 to that article. ~~They~~

I am also pleased to ~~authorize~~
empower ^{the Per Commissioner} to sanction the
carriage by railway ^{afforded} of the
conveyances of ^{such} officers ~~on~~ ^{as} famine
~~duty~~, according to the scale laid
down ~~for them~~ in the article
referred to.

To ~~facilitate~~ facilitate
the ~~expensive~~ journeys
of officers engaged on
famine duty, they.

First Secretary.

21/11/11

To the Comptroller

" Revenue Com[✓]

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